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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW SOMALI NOTE OF PROTEST

REF: A) MOGADISCIO 821

1. SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY JULY 21 SENT STIFF NOTE AGAIN
PROTESTING SOVIET BASE ALLEGATIONS. NOTED DATED JULY 20.

2. NEW SOMALI NOTE WARNED THAT CONTINUED US ALLEGATIONS WOULD CREATE
VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR SOMALI/US RELATIONS AND POINTED OUT
THAT US ACTIONS HAD ALREADY VIOLATED SOMALI SOVEREIGNTY ON THREE
COUNTS:

A. US HAD INTERFERED WITH SOMALI INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND QTE US
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION HAD INDULGED IN FLAGRANT INTELLIGENCE
AND SPY ACTIVITIES: UNTE

B. US, BECAUSE OF QTE BASELESS REPORTS OF LOCAL AGENTS UNQTE
HAD COMMISSIONED SPY APPARATUS TO TAKE AIR PHOTOS OF BERBERA
AND OTHER AREAS OF SOMALI TERRITORY, WHICH IS CLEAR VIOLATION
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OF SOMALI AIR SPACE.

C. US HAS DISTRIBUTED AIR PHOTOS TO OTHER STATES FOR SOLE PURPOSE

OF DAMAGING SOMALI REPUTATION, WHICH CONSTITUTES DIPLOMATIC TRESPASS.

3. NOTE CLOSES WITH EXPRESSION OF HOPE THAT US WILL TAKE IMMEDIATE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO CEASE THESE AGGRESSIVE ACTS WHOSE REPETITION COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS IN US/SOMALI RELATIONS.

4. FULL TEXT OF NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN MOGADISHU AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE MINISTRY'S PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER SOMALI PROTESTATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET BASE ALLEGATIONS IN BERBERA.

"DESPITE THE TRUE AND WELL-INTENTIONED DENIAL OF THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT AND NOTWITHSTANDING THE INVITATION BY THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL TEAMS TO VISIT THE AREA IN QUESTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFICATION - A STEP ON THE SOMALI PART WHICH DEMONSTRATES A SPIRIT OF GOOD FAITH AND WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO PUT A STOP TO THIS HIDIOUS PROPAGANDA - THE UNITED STATES CIRCLES, OFFICIALLY AND OTHERWISE HAVE KEPT THIS ISSUE ALIVE BY VARIOUS SUSTAINED OFFICIAL REMARKS AND SERIOUS PUBLIC MEDIA REPORTS WHICH BY QUOTING THE UNITED STATES VISITING TEAM LEADERS AND DISPLAYING CERTAIN AIR PHOTOGRAPHS ATTEMPT TO STAMP THIS ISSUE ONCE AGAIN WITH A SENSATIONAL CHARACTER.

"THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT HAVING SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSED ITS REMARKS TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD FURTHER WISHES, ONCE AGAIN, TO PROTEST MOST STRONGLY AGAINST THE CONTINUED UNITED STATES ACCUSATIONS WHICH WITH THIS FREQUENCY CAN CREATE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ON THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND THE UNITED STATES. IT FURTHER WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS ALREADY, BY ITS ACTIONS IN THIS REGARD, TRESPASSED AGAINST SOMALI SOVEREIGNTY ON THE FOLLOWING COUNTS:-

"1. THE UNITED STATES, SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE SOMALI SOCIALIST REVOLUTION, HAVE SHOWN A GOOD DEAL OF HOSTILITY AND APPREHENSION
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WHICH CAUSED HER TO INVESTIGATE, PROBE AND OFTEN INTERFERE WITH SOMALI INTERNAL AFFAIRS. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE UNITED STATES DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION HAS INDULGED IN FLAGRANT INTELLIGENCE AND SPY ACTIVITIES.

"2. THE UNITED STATES, DUE TO THE BASELESS REPORTS OF ITS LOCAL AGENTS HAVE TAKEN THE GRAVE STEPS OF COMMISSIONING ITS SPY APPARATUS TO TAKE AIR PHOTOGRAPHS OF BERBERA AND OTHER SOMALI TERRITORY.

THIS ACTION IS ITSELF A MOST GREIVIOUS TRESPASS ON SOMALI SOVEREIGNTY
BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR VIOLATION AGAINST OUR AIR SPACE.

"3. ALTHOUGH SOMALIA HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF POSITIVE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE UNITED STATES IS MAINTAINING A NEGATIVE
ATTITUDE ONLY JUST SHORT OF CHALLENGING THE VERY INDEPENDENCE
OF OUR COUNTRY. AS FAR AS THIS ALLEGATION AND THESE CHARGES ARE
CONCERNED THE UNITED STATES HAVE NOT ONLY DESIGNED THEM, BUT ALSO
DELIBERATELY DISTRIBUTED THIS ALARM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, GOING SO FAR,
STRENGTH ENOUGH, AS TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF MEANINGLESS
PICTURES TO OTHER STATES FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DAMAGING
OUR REPUTATION AND RELATIONS WITH OUR FRIENDS, AND FOR GIVING
CREDENCE TO THESE ABSURD CHARGES. HERE AGAIN, THE
SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC BELIEVES THAT THIS ACTION CONSTITUTES
INSPITE OF ITS SUBTLETY A DIPLOMATIC TRESPASS.

"WITH THESE FACTORS IN MIND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HOPES THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE
APPROPRIATE AND IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO CEASE THESE AGGRESSIVE ACTS
WHOSE OCCURANCES IN FUTURE MAY RESULT IN SERIOUS DEVELOPMENTS ON
OUR RELATIONS.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE
ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION."

"MOGADISHU, 20TH JULY, 1975."

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